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M1301

From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 258, 259, 215

21 May 1946

[Part I]

[158 groups unrecoverable]  
[139 groups unrecovered]

[Part II]

[83 groups unrecovered]

address of military unit no. 97 field post office no. 67259

[55 groups unrecoverable]

clothing and after that intended to return to work in VLADIVOSTOK. In the [D's parts] G.[1] didn't show any interest in America, before the arrival of the ship in the U.S.A. he ordered provisions and cigarettes for himself as all seamen do. On 14 May this year the ship "E." [11] arrived in LONG BEACH and stopped in the anchorage. During that day the senior first mate ZHILLO without the participation of the first mate IKONNIKOV sent three groups of seamen into the city. Having arrived on shore ZHILLO received an order by telephone from PETER [111] not to execute the dismissal and to return the seamen to the ship. Violating this order ZHILLO dismissed the seamen. KAIRTEV who was in charge of one group turned his group over to another and returned to the ship.

[Part III]

The one who was in charge of the second group went with [a] [1 group garbled] to SAN PEDRO having left part of his group to the second mate DERYABIN. DERYABIN took the 9 men who were left 35 miles to LOS ANGELES. Finding themselves in the center of this great metropolis without anyone in charge they went into a snack bar where G. stayed alone. Not having noticed G.'s absence all the seamen separated into the stores. In the evening it turned out that G. had not returned to the ship.

On that same day from one of the stores located on Second Street the proprietor phoned the Soviet Consulate and reported that a certain Russian had come up to him and asked him to arrange a meeting for him with the Governor or his assistant. When Vice-Consul TUMANTSEV

[24 groups unrecovered]

store our agentura established that G. was this Russian who as soon as he learned that the proprietor had phoned the consulate became very frightened and fled from the store. It was established that G. appealed to the proprietor of the store who was conducting the conversation in the Russian language with [3 groups unrecovered] request to help him to meet with the American governor or his assistant. G. didn't divulge the reason for such a request. The measures which have been taken by us for a search for G. through police organs and the

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immigration officials for the most part

[25 groups unrecovered]

where deserters earlier found shelter

[35 groups unrecoverable]

No. 97

SERGEJ[iv]

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Notes: [a] or "from."

Comments:

- [i] G.: i.e. Timofey Evstigneev GAVRILOV.
- [ii] "E": i.e. the ship "ELANUS."
- [iii] PETR: Aleksandr Petrovich GRACHEV.
- [iv] SERGEJ: Viktor Vasil'evich AFANAS'EV.

4 June 1976

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